

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending, with claims 1, 8, and 17 being independent and new claims 21-23 being added by this amendment.

Claims 1, 3-8, and 10-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Singhal (6,370,527).

This response first addresses the rejection with respect to claims 1-7 and then claims 8-20.

Claims 1-7

Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to obviate the § 102(e) rejection.

As amended, claim 1 recites a method of a method displaying web site search results obtained from searching multiple electronic information stores without distinguishing the particular electronic information stores in the display, the method includes receiving at least one search term and storing internal content at a web host. The web host compares the search term with first electronic information within a first electronic information store to determine whether matches exist. The first electronic information includes content that is provided by the web host and that is made accessible only to members of the web host. The search term is compared with second electronic information within a second electronic information store to determine whether matches exist. The second electronic information includes content that is provided by a source other than the web host and that is made accessible to both members of the web host and non-members. The method further includes displaying results based on the matches that are determined to exist with the first electronic information and the second electronic information, wherein the results are displayed in a single interface of results comprised of the matches that are determined to exist with the first electronic information and the second electronic information.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection because Singhal fails to describe or suggest comparing the search term with internal content that is provided by the web host and that is made accessible only to members of the web host, comparing the search term with content that is provided by a source other than the web host and

that is made accessible to both the members of the web host and non-members and displaying the results in a single interface of results.

Instead, Singhal describes a “meta-search engine” for “searching distributed networks using a plurality of search devices”. The meta-search engine sends search queries to a plurality of search engines and compiles the results into a single ranked list. See Singhal at Abstract. Thus, the meta-search engine searches content provided by sources other than the meta-search engine, where the content is made accessible to everyone. As such, the “meta-search engine” does not store, nor does the “meta-search engine” search content that is made accessible only to members. Therefore, Singhal does not describe or suggest comparing the search term with internal content provided by the web host and made accessible only to members of the web host, comparing the search term with content provided by a source other than the web host and made accessible to both the members of the web host and non-members, and displaying the results in a single interface of results.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102(e) rejection of claim 1, and its dependent claims 2-7.

Claims 8-20

Like amended independent claim 1, each of amended independent claims 8 and 17 recites comparing the search term with internal content provided by the web host and made accessible only to members of the web host, comparing the search term with content provided by a source other than the web host and made accessible to both the members of the web host and non-members, and displaying the results in a single interface of results. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of amended independent claims 8 and 17, and their respective dependent claims, for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1.

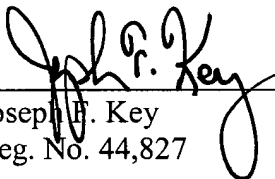
Claims 2, 9, and 20

Claims 2, 9 and 20, which depend from independent claims 1, 8, and 17, respectively, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Singhal in view of Navin-Chandra et al. (U.S. Patent No 6,275,820). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Navin-Chandra does not remedy the failure of Singhal to describe or suggest the features of the amended independent claims.

Enclosed is a \$270 check of which \$150 is for excess claim fees and \$120 is for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any deficiencies or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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